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## Air Quality Advisory Issued For Smoke From Regional Wildfire

Clark County's Department of Air Quality (DAQ) issued an advisory due to smoke from the "AZ-CRA Willow Fire" burning southeast of Needles, California. The advisory will be in effect **today through Tuesday, Aug. 11**. Information on this fire can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4465/>. Smoke is made of small particles and other pollutants that can aggravate respiratory diseases.

Unhealthy levels of air pollution are not occurring at this time. Air Quality officials will continue to monitor conditions and will post an alert on the forecast page of the DAQ website if unhealthy levels actually occur. The forecast page is located at <http://redrock.clarkcountynv.gov/forecast/>. You can receive free air quality forecasts and advisories via e-mail or text message through Enviroflash service. Subscription information is available at [www.enviroflash.org](http://www.enviroflash.org).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT DUST AND SMOKE:

Airborne smoke/dust is a form of inhalable air pollution called particulate matter, or PM, which aggravates respiratory diseases such as bronchitis and asthma. It may be best for children, the elderly, and people with respiratory or heart diseases to stay indoors. If you are experiencing breathing difficulties or medical conditions that you think are related to air quality, see your health care provider. Other suggestions to reduce exposure to dust and smoke include:

- Limit outdoor exertion on dusty days or when smoke is in the air. Exercise, for example, makes you breathe heavier and increases the amount of particulates you are likely to inhale.
- Keep windows closed. Run your air conditioner inside your house and car. Your air conditioner filters out dust and particulates.
- Consider changing your indoor air filters if they are dirty.

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